

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR A GODLY CONDUCT IN FAMILY & SOCIETY

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TO PARENTS

- A. Encourage your child (Colossians 3:21)
 - Don't let them feel discouraged, sullen, inferior, or frustrated.
 - Give gifts (Luke 11:11-13), Forgive, don't dig the past (Luke 15:22)
- B. Discipline him/her while he is young (Proverbs 19:18; Hebrews 12:10)
- C. Nurture him/her in the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)
 - 1. In the training (Proverbs 22:6, Catechize, 2Timothy 3:15)
 - 2. Discipline (Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 19:18; 23:13,14; 29:15,17)
 - 3. Counsel
 - 4. Admonition
- D. Do not Irritate your child (Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 6:4)
 - 1. Do not provoke to anger
 - 2. Do not exasperate him/her to resentment
 - 3. Do not fret
 - 4. Do not be hard on them or harass them
 - 5. Do not break their spirit
- E. Provide for one's home (1Timothy 5:8; Proverbs 31:21,22,24,27).

TO CHILDREN

- A. Obey your parents *in all things*. Make it a lifestyle to obey. For this is well pleasing unto the Lord (Colossians 3:20).
- B. Obey your parents *in the Lord*. (Ephesians 6:1). For this is right.
- C. Honor them (Ephesians 6:2,3). That it may be well with you, and that you may live long.
- D. Serve them (1Timothy 5:4).

The wrath of God descends on the disobedient (Romans 1:30,32)

TO MARRIED COUPLES

- A. In Union (Together) (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; 1Corinthians 7:5,10)
 - 1. Mutual Love (1Corinthians 7:3, Conjugal rights, goodwill, kindness, etc)
 - 2. Mutual Self-Giving/Submit to Authority of Other (1Corinthians 7:4)
 - 3. Mutual Consent (1Corinthians 7:5. In submission to the Lord. Not like Ananias and Sapphira as in Acts 5, but like the Shunammite couple in 2Kings 4:9)
- B. Duties of Husbands
 - 1. Be the Head of your wife (Ephesians 5:23; 1Corinthians 11:3. Leadership, decision-making)
 - 2. Make Christ your Head (1Corinthians 11:3)
 - 3. Follow Christ's Example (Christ's love for the Church)
 - a. Love (Ephesians 5:25,28,33; Colossians 3:19)
 - b. Nourish, protect, and cherish her (Ephesians 5:29)
 - c. Honor her with great respect (1Peter 3:7)

C. Duties of Wives

1. Be Body/helpmeet for him (Genesis 2:20)
Accept his headship/rulership (Genesis 3:16; Ephesians 5:22)
Be bound to him till he dies (Romans 7:2)
2. Desire for him alone (Genesis 3:16)
3. Learn from husband (1Corinthians 14:35)
4. Be subject to husband as to the Lord (Ephesians 5:22,24)
 - a. Submission in obedience (Titus 2:5; 1Peter 3:1)
 - b. Adaptation
5. Revere husband (Ephesians 5:33)
 - a. Notice him (pay attention, have concern)
 - b. Regard him
 - c. Honor him
 - d. Prefer him
 - e. Venerate, esteem him (think highly of, value greatly)
 - f. Defer to him (submission)
 - g. Praise him
 - h. Love and admire him exceedingly
6. Be sober, wise (Titus 2:4; Proverbs 31:26,30)
7. Be trustworthy (Proverbs 31:11,12)
8. Be self-controlled (Titus 2:5)
9. Be chaste (Titus 2:5; Proverbs 31:10,25,11; 1Peter 3:2)
10. Be homemakers (Proverbs 31:28,29, 15,16,18,21)
11. Be good natured, kindhearted (Proverbs 31:12)
12. Be hardworking (Proverbs 31:12-30). Not be idle (1Timothy 5:13)
13. Be meek and quiet (1Peter 3:4-6). Not nagging (Proverbs 21:19, 9; 19:13; 27:15)

TO FELLOW CHRISTIANS

1. Prayer (Colossians 4:12; Acts 12:5; James 5:15)
2. Love (Romans 12:10)
3. Honor (Romans 12:10)
4. Help, Assistance, Aid (Romans 12:13; 1Corinthians 16:1; Galatians 6:6)
5. Hospitality (Romans 12:13; 1Timothy 3:2)
6. Sympathy (Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2; Romans 15:1-7)
7. Humility (Romans 12:16)
8. Goodness (Romans 12:17)
9. Honest (Romans 12:17; 1Corinthians 8:21; Truthfulness, Ephesians 4:25,15)
10. Edifying words (Ephesians 4:29)
11. Restoration (Galatians 6:1,2)
12. Exhortation (2Timothy 4:2)
13. Mutual Subjection (1Peter 5:5)
14. Forbearing (Colossians 3:13)
15. Forgiving (Colossians 3:13)

TO SERVANTS

1. Honor master, boss. (1Timothy 6:1,2)
2. Obey (Ephesians 6:5, 6-8; Colossians 3:23-25)
 - a. With fear

- b. Single-hearted
- c. As unto Christ
- d. Not as men-pleasers
- e. But as Christ's servants
- f. Doing God's will
- 3. Don't answer back (Titus 2:9)
- 4. Faithful (Titus 2:10)
- 5. Subjection (1Peter 2:18-20)

TO MASTERS (BOSSES)

- 1. Do not threaten (Ephesians 6:9)
Don't be violent. Don't use abusive words
- 2. Be just and fair (Colossians 4:1)
Do not exploit. Give the right wages. Be merciful. Treat them with respect.

TOWARDS THE WORLD IN GENERAL

- 1. Intercede for them (1Timothy 2:1-4; Isaiah 12:23)
- 2. Honor (1Peter 2:17)
- 3. Be honest (Romans 12:17)
- 4. Speak edifying words (Ephesians 4:29)
- 5. Witness (1Thessalonians 2:4; 1Peter 3:1-5; Philippians 1:13; Matthew 5:14; Philippians 2:15)
- 6. Follow the Golden rule (Matthew 7:12)
- 7. Keep no debts but love (Romans 13:7-8)

TOWARDS AUTHORITIES

- 1. Honor them (Romans 13:7)
- 2. Be subject to them (Romans 13:1; 1Peter 2:13-16)
- 3. Pray/Intercede for them (1Timothy 2:2-4)

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